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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 28 PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. ON DAY OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN CAIRO, PRESS COVERAGE REMAINS OPTIMISTIC. ALL PAPERS GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S TALKS IN DAMASCUS AND TEL AVIV, AND GIVE SOME DETAILS OF ARRIVAL TIME AND PLACE OF FORTHCOMING MEETING (PYRAMIDS RESTHOUSE) WITH SADAT.

2. AHRAH CONTINUES TO GIVE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE --OR SPECULATION--OF SUBSTANCE OF SECRETARY'S TALKS IN EGYPT, AND HEADLINES THAT THEY WILL COVER: A. DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES ON GOLAN, B. GENEVA CONFERENCE AND "THE COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT", C. US/EGYPTIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND D. PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO ME IN THE SPRING. REGARDING FIRST POINT, SYRIAN/ ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT, AHRAH NOTES THAT "PRESIDENT SADAT HAS STATED MORE THAN ONCE THAT EGYPT WILL NOT GO ALONE TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLESS A SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE GOLAN IS ACHIEVED, AND UNLESS SYRIA ATTENDS THE CONFERENCE." AHRAH'S ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTERS EXPLAINED IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK THAT DISENGAGEMENT

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ON EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS ARE LINKED, AND THEIR VIEW OF THE

NECESSITY OF ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS
OF TOTAL WITHDRAWAL AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIANS. AHARAM CONTINUES THAT, REGARDING BILATERAL RELATIONS,
"AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT IS EXPECTED...CONCERNING THIS ISSUE
BEFORE KISSINGER ENDS HIS VISIT" (AKHBAR STATES FLATLY THAT
KISSINGER/SADAT TALKS "WILL LEAD TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS"). AHARAM CONCLUDES THAT FOURTH POINT OF
DISCUSSION WILL BE "EXPECTED" VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO ME
IN THE SPRING, BUT ARTICLE GIVES NO FURTHER DETAILS.
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